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RIVER CROSSINGS
RON, NORTH VIETNAM
1752N 10626E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:


THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS THE ROADS AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CROSSING THE SONG RON RIVER WHILE BY-PASSING THE RON HIGHWAY FERRY OVER THE SONG RON  LOCAL ANTI-CRAFT DEFENSES ARE ALSO SHOWN.

2. LOCATION:

THESE RIVER CROSSINGS ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF RON.

3. MISSION READOUT:

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 REVEALED A BY-PASS ROAD AROUND THE FERRY CROSSING OF THE SONG RON RIVER. THIS BY-PASS DESCRIBES A CIRCUITOUS CONCAVE ARC, LEAVING ROUTE 1A .4 NM SOUTH OF THE FERRY CROSSING AT XE528765. CROSSING THE MAIN CHANNEL OF THE RIVER APPROXIMATELY .2 NM FROM ROUTE 1A (AT XE524765), THE BY-PASS TRAVELS THROUGH THE WESTERN TIP OF AN ISLAND TO THE WEST OF THE NORMAL FERRY POINT AND REACHES THE NORTH BANK AT XE522770, AFTER CROSSING THE SECONDARY CHANNEL VIA A SERVICEABLE FORD. FROM THIS POINT THE ROAD PARALLELS THE RIVER FOR .4 NM AND TURNS EAST AT XE518777, TRAVELLING

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IN THIS DIRECTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 1 NM BEFORE REJOINING ROUTE
1A AT XE535773.

A SECOND BY-PASS ROAD WAS REVEALED BY UE 597G. THIS ROAD IS
JUST UPSTREAM FROM THE FIRST, AND LEAVES THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG
RON AT XE524765, CROSSING THE RIVER APPROXIMATELY .5 NM UPSTREAM
FROM THE PREVIOUS BY-PASS. THIS ROUTE TRAVESSES A SERVICEABLE FORD
BEFORE CROSSING THE TIP OF A SECOND ISLAND AND BI-SECTING THE MAIN
CHANNEL VIA A FERRY CROSSING AT XE516773. UPON REACHING THE
NORTH BANK THE ROUTE LINKS UP WITH THE FIRST BY-PASS ROAD.

TWO VEHICLE FERRIES - ONE CAMOUFLAGED AND SERVICEABLE (XE519769),
THE OTHER UNSERVICEABLE (XE518768) - MAY BE SEEN ON THE SOUTH BANK
OF THE SONG RON BETWEEN THE TWO ISLANDS. TWO PARTIALLY CAMOUFLAGED
PONTON VEHICLE FERRIES STAND AT XE515770 IN THE SECONDARY CHANNEL
SOUTH OF THE SECOND ISLAND.

THIS MISSION ALSO REVEALED TWO HEAVY MACHINE GUN ANTI-AIRCRAFT
SITES (ONE 6 POSITION SITE AT XE531776, WITH 4 POSITIONS OCCUPIED;
AND ONE 4 POSITION SITE, ENTIRELY OCCUPIED, AT XE522774. SEVERAL
UNOCCUPIED LIGHT AAA SITES AND HEAVY MACHINE GUN SITES ARE LOCATED
THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

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SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE FROM MISSION [REDACTED] REVEALED

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BOTH FORDS TO HAVE BEEN BOMBED INTO AN UNSERVICEABLE CONDITION.
THE APPROACHES TO BOTH FERRY CROSSINGS HAD ALSO BEEN RENDERED UN-
SERVICEABLE. THE SERVICEABLE, CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLE FERRY HAD BEEN
REMOVED AND DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY. (HOWEVER, IT WAS

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THE 6 POSITION HEAVY MACHINE GUN ANTI-AIRCRAFT SITE WAS REVEALED
TO BE UNOCCUPIED. NO CHANGE WAS OBSERVED AT THE OTHER SITE.

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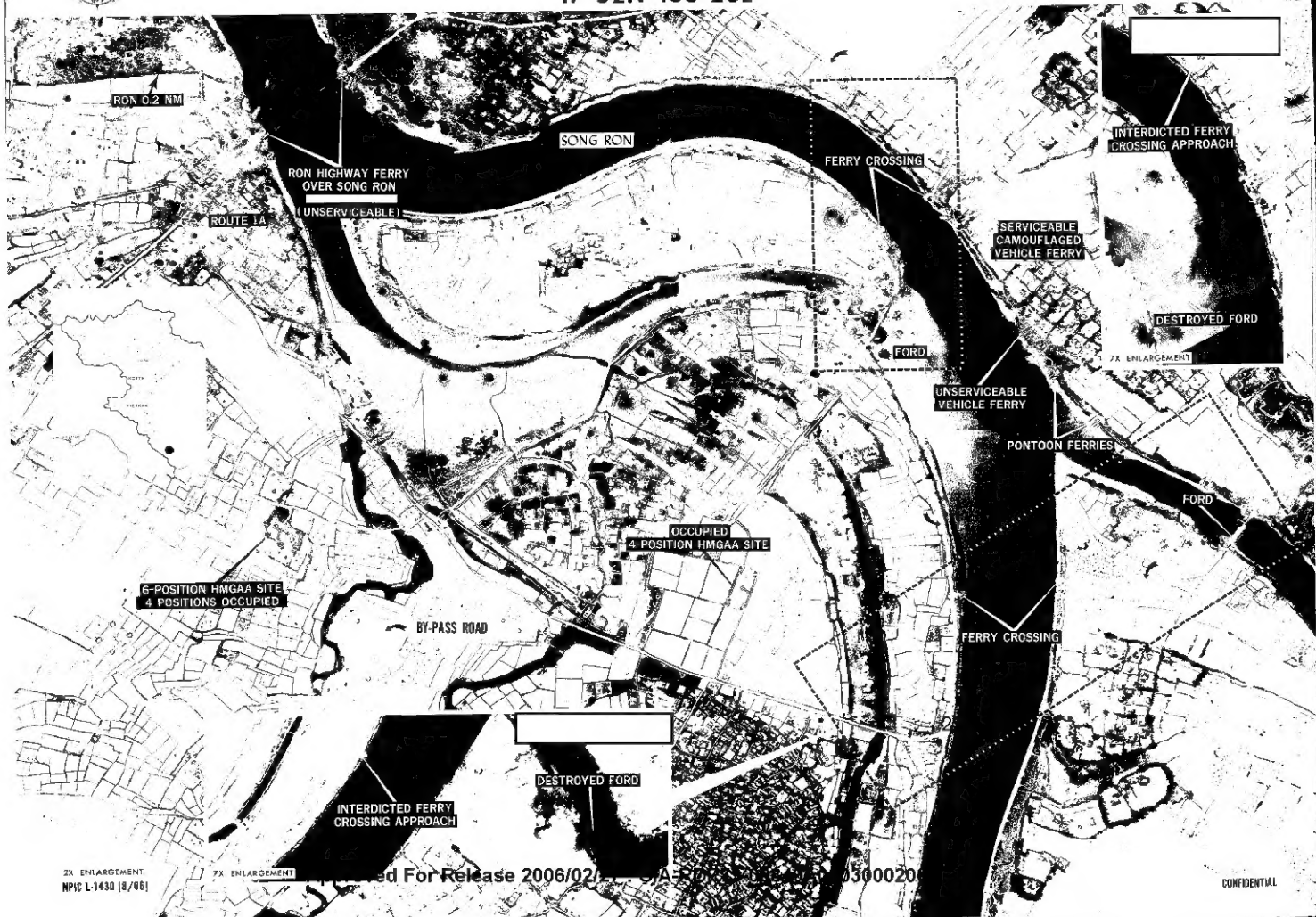
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